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Former Quitaque Woman Could Get Death, Husband Life In Baby's Killing

(Editor's Note: Becky Salazar was a 2000 graduate of Valley High School and a former resident of Quitaque.)

Story by JESSICA RAYNOR, The Amarillo Globe-News/Friday, November 7, 2003

STINNETT - A Borger woman charged with killing her baby last month now faces the death penalty, the 84th District Attorney's Office announced Friday, November 7.

Becky Salazar, 22, remained in Hutchinson County Jail on Friday on a \$600,000 bond, charged with capital murder, murder and injury to a child. She is accused in the death of 7-week-old Amrie Cervantes.

The baby's father, Fidel Edward Cervantes, 23, remained jailed on the same charges and bond, but will not face the death penalty, according to the 84th District Attorney's Office. Clay Ballman, 84th District attorney, had little comment.

"There were several factors considered in making these decisions," he said. "At this time I wish to not comment on those specific factors."

Sgt. Dennis Burton with the Borger Police Department, an investigator on the case, said the death penalty may not necessarily carry through the future trial.

"He (Ballman) can drop the death penalty at any time, should the couple decide to confess or give an admission on what really happened," he said.

Judge William Smith in the 84th District has three days to appoint two attorneys for Salazar, as required by law, Burton said. He may also remove Cervantes' attorney, Richard Todd of Borger, for potential conflict of interest, Burton said.

Cervantes and Salazar turned themselves into police on Thursday, after a Hutchinson County grand jury indicted them on murder charges Wednesday. They could each face up to 99 years in prison on either the murder or injury to a child charge, according to Texas Penal Code.

Their child, Amrie Cervantes, died of brain trauma after being removed from life support Oct. 6 at Northwest Texas Hospital. She had been brought to Golden Plains Community Hospital in Borger on Oct. 4 with respiratory distress.

An autopsy revealed her having a broken collarbone and excessive trauma, which led to the homicide investigation. Investigators suspected shaken baby syndrome.

The capital murder charge is based on the child being under 6 years old and the accused causing the child's death "by shaking, striking and throwing" the girl, according to the indictments.

The indictments also accuse Fidel Cervantes and Becky Salazar of failing to provide prompt treatment for the child, and giving false information about her injuries.



Gene Watson entertains 450 - 500 fans in Turkey during his concert Saturday night.

Gene Watson Concert Draws Big Crowd

An estimated 500 country music fans filled the Bob Wills gymnasium at Turkey Saturday night, for the Gene Watson concert. The concert was a tribute to Lawana Cruise, who promoted and produced the celebrity shows, along with monthly Jamborees, until her untimely death this August.

Watson, who was making his third appearance in Turkey in as many years, said he loved to come to Turkey... "these are my kind of people, and I always feel at home here with you folks." Watson was reared in Paris, Texas, and was a 'country boy'.

Following an opening program by the Highway 70 band made up of local and area musicians, Watson and his Farewell Party band took the stage, and performed for a solid hour and a half. The crowd loved it.

The popular recording artist, who has had such hits as "Farewell Party", "Love in the Hot Afternoon", and "Should I come Home, or should I go Crazy" - sang a couple of new hits from his new CD, "Gene Watson Sings." Paul Harris of KCTX Radio in Childress emceed the show.

A large number of people also enjoyed the meal served in the cafeteria before the concert.



Local "Highway 70 Band" jams with Gene Watson in Turkey to the delight of hundreds of fans.

Hall County Appoints New Sheriff

According to Hall County Judge Jacky Martin, Earnest W. Neel, Memphis resident and retired DPS officer, has been appointed to fill the unexpired term of Sheriff Robert McGuire.

There will be a full story in next week's paper.

Valley Calendar of Events

November 13
* Turkey City Council meeting @ 7 p.m.

November 14
* Valley Patriots Pep Rally in the Valley Gym @ 12:15 p.m.
* Valley Patriots vs Miami Warriors in Groom @ 6 p.m.

November 15
* Caprock Canyons State Park: Eagle Point Trail Family Nature Hike (2 miles) @ 9 a.m.

November 16
* Swine Validation at Silverton Show Barn @ 2 p.m.

November 17
* TEC meeting
* Quitaque Lions Club meeting
* Quitaque's Weight Watchers meeting @ 5:45 p.m. Weigh-In @ 5:15 p.m.

November 18
* Turkey Fire Department meeting
* Turkey Senior Citizens meeting @ 6 p.m.

November 19
* Panhandle Community Services will be in Silverton, Quitaque & Turkey today by appointment only

Turkey To Hold Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Turkey will be holding it's Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner for Turkey and the surrounding communities Sunday, November 23 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in the Bob Wills Cafeteria.

Carry out orders will be available.



Quitaque's newest business, The End Result owned by Marianne Jack, was welcomed to town by Councilwoman, Rhonda Farner and Chamber President Phil Barefield at a recent grand opening. Marianne would like invite everyone to stop by and see what she has to offer. The End Result, an antique furniture & upholstery shop, is located at 136 Main Street in Quitaque.

Groundwater Districts Honor Sen. Duncan

The Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts (TAGD) has honored Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, for his service this past legislative session.

"I am grateful for this recognition and appreciate the hard work and dedication of groundwater districts in Texas. TAGD does an excellent job of representing groundwater districts as a whole and educating people in Texas about the importance of groundwater conservation," Duncan said.

"In Texas, we have decided that the best way to manage our valuable groundwater supply is through locally-controlled groundwater districts. These districts cover approximately 60 percent of our state, but manage about 90 percent of the groundwater in Texas. They are an important component of our state water plan and future water supply."

TAGD was formed on May 12, 1988, to further the purpose of groundwater conservation and protection activities. TAGD also provides a means of communication and exchange of information between individual districts regarding the day-to-day operation of local groundwater management. Its membership includes approximately 70 groundwater districts from across Texas.

Clarendon College Offers CNA Class

Clarendon College is offering preparation training for entry-level nursing assistants to achieve a level of knowledge, skills, and abilities essential to provide basic care to residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities.

Topics include resident's rights, communication, safety, observation, reporting, and assisting residents in maintaining basic comfort and safety. Emphasis will be placed on effective interaction with members of the health care team.

The class will be held Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will start December 1.

Cost of the class is \$275 for tuition and \$44 for textbooks. All enrolled students will need a copy of their immunization records. Financial Aid may be available for individuals who qualify through the Texas Workforce Commission. Contact the TWC for more information.

For class information, contact Gay Tibbets or Tex Buckhaults at (806) 874-3571.

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FLOMOT NEWS

BY EARLENE JAMESON

OVERHEARD

I am thankful to live where I can wave and smile at everyone, because I know at least 50% of them. (Used to be 99%)

Thanksgiving Observed At Do Gooders' Club Meeting

The Do Gooders' Club met Tuesday afternoon November 4th at the Community Center in Flomot and observed Thanksgiving.

Before conducting the business session, Mrs. Waydette Clay related an individual's reactions in certain situations including sad and happy circumstances. She stressed thankfulness should be a priority in our lives for our God given blessings not only at Thanksgiving but throughout the year. Courtesy to mankind is always appreciated.

It was reported they had 16 booths rented and made final preparations at the Center for the Bazaar on September 8th. Mrs. Trula Martin invited the club to her home for their annual Christmas party. The members graciously accepted her invitation.

Presiding at a Thanksgiving designed service at a table laid with a green cloth overlaid with lace were Mesdames Connie Franks and Geneva Martin. The centerpiece floral arrangement was of warm fall colors in an old treasured cookie jar that Geneva received in her bridal shower when she married the late Herb Martin. Russes, gold and reds of fall foliage was placed along the table. They served refreshments of muffins, candies, assorted nuts, coffee and iced tea. Mrs. Kathy Shorter was pleased with the Thanksgiving motif luncheon napkins she won in the raffle ticket drawing.

Members attending were Mesdames Alma Shorter, Judy Stark, Suzie Shannon, Mary Jo Calvert, Trula Martin, Connie Franks, Nada Starkey, Kathy Shorter, Erma Washington, Waydette Clay, B. Rogers and Geneva Martin.

Birthdays Luncheon

Linda and Travis Kendall gave a family birthday luncheon, Saturday in their home to celebrate the 76th birthday of her father, Richard March of Quitaque.

Those enjoying the occasion were Fred and Barbara March of Lake Pomm de' Terre, Missouri; Wayne and Pat Mendes and Michael and Mary Mendes of Oklahoma City; Robin March of Hemet, California; Mr. and Mrs. Cory Kendall, Connor and Chancey of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall, Jere and Jacob of Flomot.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross Saturday were Lori Anestad of Seattle, Washington, Don Carson of Olton and Joe Edd Carson of Hale Center.

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers were Mrs. Rosita Nall and Mrs. Merle Nall of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hand of Roaring Springs and Donnie Rogers of Flomot. Rosita, Mr. and Mrs. Hand and Donnie enjoyed the Gene Watson Show in Turkey Saturday night.

Mrs. Lucretia Dockery and daughter, Brittany of Vernon visited the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Johnson. They were guests Saturday night in the home of daughter and husband, Kaylin and Neil Guest of Turkey. Kayla was a guest Sunday for lunch in the Johnson home.

Luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee, Sunday were Roger Lee of Flomot and friend, Shonda Davey of Plainview.

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter were Mrs. Keri Schon and son, Brian of Ropesville, Mrs. Christi Milam, Emily and Haley of Petrolia and Mrs. Cindy Calvert of Warrenton, Virginia. Keri met Cindy at the Lubbock Airport Saturday and accompanied her to Flomot to visit.

Coy Franks was in Idalou Sunday to compete in the Motorsports Town and Country Races. It was postponed due to wet weather, but Coy enjoyed visiting with friends.

L.T. Starkey of Ralls visited Saturday with Mrs. C.W. Starkey and Johnie Starkey.

Mrs. Cody Barclay, Lane and Ashton of Borger visited Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay. They attended the wedding of Cara Franks and Chase Carson held at 6 p.m., Friday at the Full Gospel Church in Roaring Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Womack of Amarillo and Mrs. Ernestine Payne of Quitaque visited Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin, Saturday.

Visitors during the weekend of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert were Dan and Sherrilyn Foster and Mrs. Gwen Mandrell, Shae and Peyton of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey visited in Amarillo, Thursday with daughter and husband, Bessie and Clifton Reid.

Derrick Cruse, student at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, visited the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse.

Mr. and Mrs. Cory Franks and daughter, Madison and Cara Franks of Lubbock visited during the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks, and grandparent, Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington. The families attended the wedding ceremony of Cara Franks and Chase Carson at the Full Gospel Church in Roaring Springs Friday evening.



Cooks Corner

By Virginia Sailsbury

Thanksgiving is only two weeks away, so this week I have some ideas for side dishes to serve with your turkey, and one more way to cook that venison that is probably in your freezer by now. Enjoy!

Cranberry compote is delectable served either hot or cold, and lovely to look at when served in a clear glass bowl.

CRANBERRY COMPOTE
2 tart apples, peeled and sliced

- 1 package (12 oz.) fresh or frozen cranberries
- 1-1/4 cups sugar
- 1 cup golden raisins
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1 teaspoon grated orange peel
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 can (15-1/4 oz.) sliced peaches, drained
- 1 can (15 oz.) apricot halves, drained
- 1 cup chopped pecans

In a saucepan, combine the first nine ingredients. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, for 10 minutes until cranberries pop and apples are tender. Add peaches and apricots; heat through. Stir in pecans; serve warm or chilled. Store in refrigerator. Makes 6 cups.

Even if you don't serve this for Thanksgiving, try this recipe another day. It's delicious and looks fancy!

TWO-TONE BAKED POTATOES

- 6 medium russet potatoes
- 6 medium sweet potatoes
- 2/3 cup sour cream, divided
- 1/3 cup milk
- 1/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 4 tablespoons minced chives, divided
- 1-1/2 teaspoons salt, divided

Pierce potatoes with a fork. Bake at 400 for 60-70 minutes until tender. Set sweet potatoes aside. Cut a third off the top of each russet potato; scoop out pulp, leaving skins intact. Place pulp in a bowl; mash with 1/3 cup sour cream, milk, cheese, 2 tablespoons chives and 1/4 teaspoon salt. Set aside. Cut off the top of each sweet potato; scoop out pulp. Mash pulp with remaining sour cream, chives and salt. Stuff mixture into half of each russet potato skin; spoon russet potato filling into other half. Place on baking sheet. Bake at 350 for 15-20 minutes or until heated through. Makes 12 servings.

VENISON ROAST

- 1 venison roast (3 to 4 pounds)
- 10 whole garlic cloves, peeled
- 2 teaspoons dried rosemary, crushed
- 1-1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 7 carrots, quartered
- 5 small onions, quartered
- 1 teaspoon beef bouillon granules
- 1 teaspoon browning sauce
- 2 tablespoon cornstarch
- 3 tablespoon cold water

Cut 10 deep slits in roast; place a garlic clove in each slit. Pierce roast in several places with meat fork. Combine rosemary, onion powder, and garlic; rub over roast. Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours.

Add 1/2 inch of water to roasting pan. Place the roast, carrots and onions in pan. Cover and bake at 325 for 2-1/2 to 3 hours or until meat thermometer reads 160. Combine 3 cups pan drippings, bouillon and browning sauce. Mix cornstarch and water until smooth; stir into drippings. Boil 2 minutes until thickened. Serve with roast. Serves 8.

Next week I'll have some more ideas for Thanksgiving dinner, and I'm trying another venison recipe.

Obituaries

John Speer

FLOYDADA - Services for John Speer, 78, of Floydada were held Tuesday, Nov. 11, at First Baptist Church of Flomot with Rev. Nathan Mulder officiating. Burial was in Flomot Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada.

Mr. Speer passed away Saturday, Nov. 8, 2003, at his residence in Floydada.

He was born Feb. 4, 1927, to Joe and Effie Speer in Flomot where he was raised.

He graduated from high school in Flomot in 1944 and from Texas Tech with a Bachelor's in Business in 1952. A veteran of the U.S. Army, he served in World War II and Korea. He married Joyce Bilberry on Oct. 16, 1969, in Flomot, and they moved to Floydada in 1971. He was a retired rural mail carrier and farmer.

He enjoyed gardening, fishing, neighbors and friends. He was a member of the VFW and First Baptist Church in Flomot.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Melva Jo Speer and Alice Montoya.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Speer of Floydada; a son, Bill Turbyfill of Corpus Christi; a daughter, Kay Nicoley and husband Ray of Tucumcari, N.M.; two brothers, Walt Speer and wife Mary, and Raymond Speer and wife Dorothy; a sister, Jimmie Hunter and husband Wayne; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice Hands of West Texas, P.O. Box 1118, Lockney, TX 79241.

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In Loving Memory of Norma Jean (Partridge) Phillips July 21, 1937 - November 19, 2002

By Kay (Phillips) Skinner

It's been a year since God took you from us.

It's been a year full of suffering and tears.

It's been a year of questioning if we missed the signs that your death was so close and near.

It's been "Could I have done something to prevent death from coming for you so early" and "I Wish to God in Heaven I could have been holding your hand that day, one Last Kiss and I Love You to send you on your way, to finally meet Our Lord Jesus,

as he walked with you the rest of the way."

It's been a year of love and prayers too

For my dad, sister, and my family too.

Each day we think so fondly of you.

I'm so glad that my dad fell in love with you,

and you taught my sister, dad and I, that Jesus loves us too. I will always try and remember to care for my family, friends, and patients as I have cared for you, as you in return taught us to do.

Mom we miss you so much - we really do!

I know you'll be standing at Jesus side,

us each of your family and friends take their turn too, just as I imagined your mother did for you.

After all the prayers and tears and missing you the only thing I can reason, was God was ready for You!

Mom, We Love and Miss You.

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NOV. 7	49	32	.75
NOV. 8	47	34
NOV. 9	49	35
NOV. 10	53	48
NOV. 11	71	53
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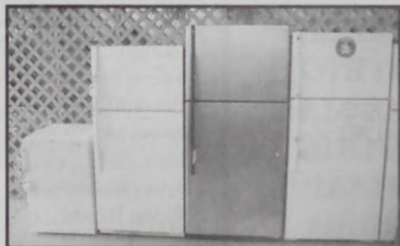
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THE PATRIOT

Valley School News

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Menu Subject To Change

Monday, November 17

Breakfast: Blueberry Muffins, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Meat & Cheese Nachos, Pinto Beans, Salad, Orange Slices, Milk

Tuesday, November 18

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Baked Chicken, Ranch Potatoes, Green Beans, Biscuits, Honey, Milk

Wednesday, November 19

Breakfast: Biscuits, Jelly, Sausage, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Caesar Salad, Mixed Fruit, Garlic Bread, Milk

Thursday, November 20

Breakfast: French Toast, Syrup, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Fish Sticks, Tartar Sauce, American Fries, Hush Puppies, Fruit, Milk

Friday, November 21

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, OJ/Milk

Lunch: Turkey & Cheese Hoagies, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Chips, Spice Cake, Milk

THE LUNCHROOM LADIES

Valley Patriot Pep Rally
Friday @ 12:15 p.m.
in the Valley School Gym
Patriot Fans Are Encouraged To Wear Red White & Blue

Be Sure to Bring A Noise Maker To The Game!

Patriots Close Out Regular Season

They Valley Patriots closed out the regular season in convincing fashion last Friday as they put 52 first half points on the board against the Motley County Matadors. The defense shut out an opponent for the fifth time this season.

Clif Yeary led the team with 73 yards rushing and two touchdowns, while Fidel Valdes ran for 47 yards and one touchdown. Yeary finishes the ten game regular season with 1149 yards rushing and 24 touchdowns.

Francisco Rodriguez joined the touchdown parade scoring from 27 yards out. Valdes has rushed for 598 yards and nine touchdowns and the Espinoza brothers have rushed for a combined 652 yards and ten touchdowns.

Chase Maynard threw three touchdown passes to three different receivers against Matador. Maynard hit Adam Ortiz on a 26 yard scoring strike for the first touchdown of the game, the hit Rodney Fuston on a 1 yard touchdown pass before finishing with a 30 yard touchdown pass to Anthony Ortiz.

Maynard has thrown for 719 yards and 11 touchdowns, while sophomore Cody Barrett has thrown for 342 yards and seven touchdowns.

Anthony Ortiz leads the receiving corps this season with 27 receptions for 579 yards and ten touchdowns. Adam Ortiz and Douglas Payne have each caught five passes, while Yeary and Valdes have each caught four. Adam Ortiz scored on four of his five catches.

Defensively, Charlie Walden and Alex Espinoza each recorded 13 tackles to lead the team against the Matadors. Senior linebackers Yeary and Adam Ortiz pitched in with 11 and eight tackles.

For the season, Yeary has led the team with 93 tackles. Walden has recorded 73 tackles, including 14 QB sacks during district play. Douglas Payne has 63 tackles, Adam Ortiz has 52 tackles, and Fidel Valdes has 42 tackles. Anthony Ortiz has recorded 60 tackles, four interceptions, and four fumble recoveries.

Other players with double digit tackles include Alex Espinoza with 40, Juan Regalado with 35, Kellan Roberts with 33, Albert Espinoza with 27, Rodney Fuston with 26, and Francisco Rodriguez with 20.

After winning their second consecutive district title, the Patriots will begin their playoff season with a 6:00pm game against Miami Friday in Groom.

Swine Validation 2003

Sunday, November 16 - 2 p.m.

Silverton Show Barn, Silverton, TX

Thursday, November 20 - 4 p.m.

Vance Price Show Barn, Valley I.S.D.

Sunday, November 23 - 2 p.m.

Vance Price Show Barn, Valley I.S.D.

Monday, November 24 - 4 p.m.

Silverton Show Barn, Silverton, TX

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Fans can pre-order tickets for this year's post-season appearance

Bowl tickets for Texas Tech Football's 27th post-season appearance can be ordered now through the Texas Tech website at www.texastech.com. The Red Raiders claimed their 11th-straight bowl eligible season with a 26-21 win over Colorado last week.

Although which bowl Texas Tech will appear in is to be determined, the Texas Tech Athletic Ticket Office has begun accepting order forms. The forms, under "Bowl Central" on www.texastech.com front page, can be printed and faxed or mailed to the ticket office. Each bowl is listed with ticket prices and a space for number of tickets. Fans will be billed only for the bowl in which Tech is selected and not until that time. A non-refundable \$8 handling fee accompanies all orders.

Priority for tickets will be given to Red Raider Club scholarship donors, Red Raider Club members, and season ticket holders, then the general public. Walk-up purchases will begin Mon., Dec. 8, at 8:30 a.m. at the Athletic Ticket Office in the north end of Jones SBC Stadium.

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- 7 TX singer Mae Morse
- 8 TXism: "you got two chances: ..."
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- 17 this gov. resigned in '41 to enter the U.S. Senate
- 21 TX "Cowpokes" creator Reid (init.)
- 22 barbed-wire lycoon: TX John ___
- 23 Million ___ Gates
- 24 easily led or laught
- 29 "spit ___"
- 30 29-across for a mischief maker
- 31 init. of TX Stevie Ray without the "R"
- 32 this woman was famous gambler in early TX
- 34 Kingsville FM
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- 37 TXism: "packed like sardines in ___"
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- 39 hymn: "___ of Jeannie" (the Promises)
- 41 TX singer Charley
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- 43 fast curve by an Astro pitcher
- 44 UT has handwritten songs by this Paul
- 45 hockey legend Bobby
- 46 large TX families
- 47 ___ wheel
- 49 Laguna Madre waterfowl
- 50 TXism: "the bigger they ___ the harder they fall"
- 51 this "Lurch" actor Cassidy was "discovered" in Big D
- 52 TX Parol's old company
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- 12 TXism: "close but ___ cigar"
- 13 "___ out"
- 14 TX poet Shihab Nye
- 15 name before Exon
- 18 TX Kenny's "The Gambler, Part ___"
- 19 Spanish publication: "___ Texas"
- 20 adjustable refrigerator foot?
- 22 outlaws south of the border
- 24 nickname for TX Abraham Lincoln Neiman
- 25 TXism: "___ gut" (liquor)
- 26 class meetings at a TX univ. (abbr.)
- 27 in Hill Co. on 81
- 28 seal of San Patricio Co.
- 29 fast food restaurant named for this Plano, TX woman
- 30 "___ impasse"
- 33 in Hidalgo Co. off hwy. 83
- 34 El Paso TV station
- 35 surprise attacks
- 37 sum of the parts
- 38 TXism: "___ home the bacon"
- 40 old name: "Rio Grande del ___"
- 41 Parcels schemes: "game"
- 43 TX Chisum cut a ___ in cattle ears
- 46 religious beliefs
- 48 made a mistake in Houston's Minute Maid Park

DOWN

- 1 "Caddo ___"
- 2 TXism: "red and yellow, kill ___ (coral snake)"
- 3 in Erath Co. on hwy. 377
- 4 TX Hagman's "I ___ of Jeannie"
- 9 in east central Parker Co.

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Player	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Pos.
Rodney Fuston	5-8	210	Sr	C-DE
Chase Manard	6-0	170	Sr	QB-LB
Adam Ortiz	5-9	180	Sr	OE-DE
Douglas Payne	5-11	170	Sr	OE-DB
Ramiro Ramos	6-0	220	Sr	OE-DE
Juan Regalado	6-1	175	Sr	OE-DB
Kellan Roberts	5-8	165	Sr	RB-LB
Frankie Rodriguez	5-7	190	Sr	RB-DE
Cliff Yeary	5-9	195	Sr	RB-LB
Anthony Ortiz	6-2	175	Sr	OE-DE
Jorge Alanis	5-8	160	Jr	OE-DE
Albert Espinoza	5-9	185	Jr	RB-LB
Jake Maupin	5-6	150	Jr	OE-DE
Zack Ramsey	5-8	165	Jr	QB-LB
Fidel Valdes	5-9	175	Jr	RB-LB
Matt Whittington	5-7	155	Jr	OE-DE
Cody Barrett	5-10	165	So	QB-DB
Alex Espinoza	5-11	165	So	RB-DE
Randy Farley	5-10	250	So	C-DE
Chance Maynard	5-6	135	So	OE-DE
Ruben Ramos	5-10	210	So	OE-DE
Fernando Regalado	5-8	155	So	RB-LB
Derek Roys	5-8	160	So	RB-BD
Charlie Walden	6-1	175	So	OE-DE
Fannin Gwynn	5-8	175	Fr	C-E
Matt Dozer	5-6	210	Fr	RB-E
Maguel Santes	5-10	160	Fr	OE-DE
Jake Glass	5-5	130	Fr	E-CB



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TEXAS CROP, WEATHER REPORT

Nov. 11, 2003
COLLEGE STATION — Depending on the region, many producers are pleased with the availability of quality forage and hay, Texas Cooperative Extension reports.

"Some areas have received good rain, and have had good hay harvests. However, there are some areas that can still be considered in a drought," said Dr. Larry Redmon, Extension agronomist in Overton.

The story is different in the western part of the state, where most cattle are grazed on wheat pasture.

"We've got some wheat pasture, but we need a lot more," said Dr. McCollum, Extension beef cattle specialist in Amarillo.

"Seventy-five to 80 percent of our wheat is usually grazed, and we are short on wheat pasture because of a lack of rain," he said.

"Hay supplies are adequate and cattle body condition scores are excellent," said Brian Yanta, Extension agent in Goliad County. It is home to 38,000 head of cattle; most are a part of cow-calf operations. He said not all producers were finished cutting the 20,000 acres of improved pasture grown in his area.

Redmon cautions producers from cutting hay this late in the year. "Cutting hay this time of the year is probably not too good of an idea," he said. "Some people will just cut, cut, cut until there is nothing left to cut."

The problem with cutting this late in the year is the grass has a hard time making it through the winter and remaining nutritious the next spring. "When the weather gets cooler (below 55 degrees), bermudagrass stops growing. It is still green and alive, but when the cattle eat it down it will not be replenished," Livingston said.

Redmon said the ideal time to stop cutting hay was soon after Labor Day and into mid-September.

According to Scott Durham, district Extension administrator in San Angelo, the recent cool temperatures and moisture have helped winter forbs and cool season grasses begin to emerge in West Central Texas. Hay buying has also picked up due to the cooler weather, he said.

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district Extension directors:

PANHANDLE: soil moisture short to very short. Light freezing rain occurred over most of Panhandle. Sorghum harvest is about 35 percent complete. Cotton harvest continues. Peanut harvest is near completion; reports indicate yields were less than expected. Most soybeans and sunflowers have been harvested. Wheat is rated mostly fair to good, but is in need of rain. Range conditions are rated mostly poor to fair. Cattle are in good condition.

SOUTH PLAINS: soil moisture short to adequate. Cotton grades have been very good; yields range, depending on amount of irrigation available. Peanut yields are decent. Winter wheat is in fair to good condition. Irrigated wheat continues to progress. Ranges and pastures are in poor to fair condition. Supplemental feeding increased this week due to cold, wet weather.

ROLLING PLAINS: soil moisture adequate. Wheat that has been planted is suffering from lack of rain. Cotton harvest has begun, but won't get into full swing until after the first freeze. Small grain grazing with stocker cattle is very limited. Livestock conditions are fair to good. Supplemental feeding has begun.

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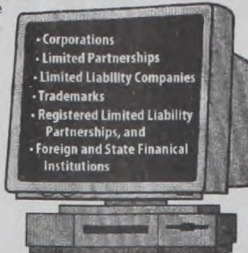
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SOURCES: Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn and the Texas Secretary of State.

Appraiser Seminar To Be Offered

The American Society of Agricultural Appraisers (ASAA) is offering a 4-1/2 day Personal Property Appraisal Seminar in Dallas/Ft Worth, Texas, December 10-14, 2003.

This seminar is designed specifically for those who currently are, or desire to become, a livestock, farm equipment or horse appraiser. This is an excellent opportunity for those who are looking to enter the appraisal profession and for those appraisers who desire to enhance their professional appraisal skills.

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Briscoe, Hall & Motley All Qualify For 2004 State Tax Credits

(Austin)—Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn recently released a list of 219 counties where businesses can apply for hundreds of millions of dollars in state tax breaks next year.

"Each year I review the economic health of each county and I am pleased to announce this important, new list of counties eligible for these tax breaks," Strayhorn said.

The franchise tax credits for economic development were enacted in 1999 by the 76th Legislature and include a research credit, a job creation credit and an investment credit.

"All three tax credits are real, and businesses large and small will benefit," Strayhorn said. "These tax credits saved taxpayers more than \$43 million on their 2001 and 2002 franchise tax reports. That's money that Texas businesses can use to continue growing."

Strategic Investment Area

The Strategic Investment Area (SIA) is a collection of counties and sub-county areas where job creation, investment and research activities by businesses can earn franchise tax credits. The SIA is determined each September by the Comptroller's Office, and the determination is effective for business activity in the following calendar year.

Comptroller Strayhorn determined that of the state's 254 counties, 219 fall wholly or partially in the state SIA for calendar year 2004.

Of those counties, 68 qualify for full-purposes SIA designation based on their relative unemployment rate and per-capita income. Floyd County qualified for this designation for 2004. This designation will permit firms engaged in manufacturing, warehousing, wholesale distribution, computer services or research to apply for job creation and investment credits, as well as the research credit bonus.

Another group of 146 counties qualifies only for the limited-purposes SIA designation based on their population. Corporations engaged in agricultural processing in these counties can apply for the job creation and investment credits. Briscoe, Hall, Motley, Cottle, King, Childress, Swisher and Donley qualified for this designation for 2004.

"Businesses should be eager to take advantage of this generous tax credit plan which will create good-paying jobs for hardworking Texans," Comptroller Strayhorn said.

Research Credit

The research credit is available to firms that perform qualified research activities in Texas. It is based on the firm's increase in research activities during the year compared to a base amount.

Five percent of qualified research expenses will be credited for tax reports due in 2002 and after. The amount of the company's credit may be as large as 50 percent of its franchise tax liability. Unused credits may be carried over for a maximum of 20 years.

Additional credit is available for qualified research activities conducted in selected counties.

Job Creation Credit

Companies that create jobs in selected counties may qualify for a job creation credit equal to five percent of the wages paid to workers holding those jobs. The credit is five percent a year for five years beginning with the year the jobs are created.

To qualify, a corporation must create at least 10 new full-time jobs, pay at least 110 percent of the county's average weekly wage, pay health benefits and be engaged in manufacturing, warehousing, wholesale distribution, computer services or research.

The credit is limited to 50 percent of the firm's tax liability in the year that credits are claimed. Unclaimed credits may be carried forward for a maximum of five years.

Investment Credit

Corporations that invest at least \$500,000 in machinery and equipment can qualify for a franchise tax credit equal to 7.5 percent of that investment. The credit is available in five equal installments over five years. The investment must be located in selected counties and in the industries listed for the job creation credit.

This credit, too, is limited to 50 percent of the firm's tax liability, and any unclaimed credits may be carried forward for a maximum of five years.

New Rules Proposed To Allow For Regional Mobility Authorities And Toll Roads

State transportation officials recently proposed rules concerning the conversion of state highways to toll facilities.

The Texas Transportation Commission is seeking public comment on proposed rules allowing TxDOT to convert non-tolled highways to toll facilities or authorizing a regional mobility authority or county to do so.

The action fulfill's requirements of House Bill 3588, passed during the 78th Legislature. The bill repealed the existing statutes governing RMA's and expanded their ability to construct—maintain and operate various transportation projects.

The bill also gives TxDOT flexibility in deciding whether to develop a non-toll highway as a toll facility or allow an RMA or county to do so.

RMA's were authorized by the 77th Legislature in an effort to accelerate needed transportation projects and approved by Texas voters in 2001.

Through an RMA, counties can establish an authority to develop, construct and maintain local turnpike projects as part of the state highway system.

Last year, the commission approved the state's first RMA to serve Travis and Williamson counties. As its initial project, the Central Texas RMA intends to develop U.S. 183-A, a reliever route to U.S. 183 in the area of Cedar Park and Leander.

In other action, the commission also proposed rules related to specialty license plates. These new provisions propose to allow TxDOT to prorate specialty license plate fees; to issue specialty license plates for all vehicles; to sell souvenir specialty license plates; to issue new categories of specialty license plates; and to contract with a private vendor to market specialty license plates. This action is a result of the 78th Legislature's House Bill 2971.

Written comments for all of the rules proposed will be accepted through December 15.

Cotton 
By Shawn Wade
www.plainscotton.org
from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

FY2004 Agriculture Appropriations Approved By Senate, 93-1

Senate approval of the FY2004 Agriculture Appropriations Bill (H.R. 2673) November 6 means the next step towards final passage of the agriculture spending measure is completion of a House-Senate conference. The Senate passed the Bill by a vote of 93-1.

The Senate also named the following Senators to serve on the Conference Committee: Robert Bennett (R-UT); Thad Cochran (R-MS); Arlen Specter (R-PA); Christopher Bond (R-MO); Mitch McConnell (R-KY); Conrad Burns (R-MT); Larry Craig (R-ID); Sam Brownback (R-KS); Ted Stevens (R-AK); Herb Kohl (D-WI); Tom Harkin (D-IA); Byron Dorgan (D-ND); Diane Feinstein (D-CA); Richard Durbin (D-IL); Tim Johnson (D-SD); Mary Landrieu (D-LA); Robert Byrd (D-WV).

The effort to finish the USDA spending bill fortunately avoided getting bogged down by issues like Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) and also avoided having any detrimental amendments added on that would have made changes to the current Farm program, specifically in the area of payment limits. One of the contributing factors that encouraged quick completion of the Ag Bill was it allowed the Senate to move on to consideration of a new Continuing Resolution (CR) to keep the government operating.

The current CR, under which the government is operating, expires November 7. Failure to pass the Ag Bill November 6 because of a drawn out debate could have caused the Senate to lay aside the measure in order to pass the next CR before the Veterans Day recess.

One of the interesting amendments offered during Senate consideration November 5 was put forth by Senator Mark Dayton (D-MN). The Dayton amendment would have included language to extend emergency disaster assistance to agricultural producers. While the amendment was eventually ruled out of order and not included, it does point out an understanding by legislators that many areas of the country, including West Texas, have suffered crop losses in 2003.

For High Plains producers the fact that 2003 disaster assistance is being talked about at all should be considered positive. The Dayton amendment's failure to be included also illustrates a situation that PCG has encountered time and time again when putting forth the idea of a 2003 disaster program.

PCG has repeatedly heard that the Congress understands that significant crop losses have occurred in 2003. One of the key arguments against doing anything now, however, is that the full scope of the losses across the country is still essentially unknown.

A second stumbling block to getting a 2003 disaster assistance package lies in the fact that the tight budget landscape will likely require spending offsets to pay for any package, much like what occurred to secure passage of the 2001-2002 Crop Disaster Program.

Producers and producer groups will eventually be asked to make some hard choices in terms of program funding and in which areas they will accept spending cuts to offset the added cost of any 2003 disaster assistance program.

In the end, passage of the FY2004 Agriculture Appropriations Bill closes another door through which the 2002 Farm Bill can be attacked. It also secures funding for key programs for the coming year and allows important programs to move forward in 2004.

Colder Weather Necessary To Curl, Southern Weevil Movement

By Roger Haldenby

The Panhandle and Northern half of PCG's 25-county area have experienced some chilly temperatures this week, but in the Permian Basin it's not been chilly enough to call a much needed halt to boll weevil spray operations.

Weevils from the St. Lawrence area, and other parts of Glasscock county not involved in active eradication, have moved into the edges of the Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, as well as the Rolling Plains Central Zone and Southern Rolling Plains Zone.

The cost to growers in the three eradication zones being effected by migrating boll weevils is amounting to millions of dollars. The latest report from Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation shows 309,562 acres were treated in these three zones in the week ending November 2. The same report shows that 1,951,667 cumulative acres have been treated in the Permian Basin alone this season.

At an estimated average treatment cost per acre between \$3.25 and \$3.50 it can be easily surmised that the three zones have spent over a million dollars in just one week combating an expensive insurgence of weevils from St. Lawrence.

The Southern Rolling Plains Zone was declared functionally eradicated of boll weevil in September 2000. No weevils were caught in 2001 but apparently a few snuck in from St. Lawrence, which is West of the zone, during 2002. SRP Zone recently celebrated becoming debt-free but now faces mounting costs to maintain their eradicated status.

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Nov. 7, 1861
Francis R. Lubbock became the first Civil War governor of Texas 1861-1863.

Nov. 8, 1874
Lt. Frank Baldwin and his soldiers attacked a Comanche Indian village on the north branch of McClellan Creek, ten miles south of present-day Pampa. The troops rescued two sisters of the German family held captive by the Indians.

Nov. 8, 1860
Although his name was not on the ballot in Texas, Abraham Lincoln was elected President of the United States. His election was one of the primary reasons Texas later seceded from the Union.

Nov. 8, 1846
The ill-fated Mier Expedition left San Antonio to put on a "show of force" on the Mexican border. The expedition was ordered to the border by Republic President Sam Houston shortly after Mexican Gen. Adrian Woll and his troops captured San Antonio.

Nov. 9, 1881
The Texas state capitol burned in Austin.

Nov. 10, 1937
Two Hall County law enforcement officers were shot and wounded during a raid on a bootlegger's house.

Nov. 10, 1859
Texas rangers captured one of the Mexican bandit Juan Cortina's top lieutenants near Brownsville and hung him. The Rangers then attacked Cortina's stronghold, but were driven back.

Nov. 12, 1864
Col. Kit Carson left Fort Bascom, NM for Brent's Fort (Adobe Walls) in the Texas Panhandle.

Nov. 12, 1839
The Texas Congress gave the Alabama and Coushatta Indian tribes their own land in East Texas.

"TEXUN TAWK"

Observations On Life From A Fellow Texan
By Bill Sperry

My Mischievous Friends

I had two really good friends in high school but they were always into something. My dad said they were like two raccoons, what they couldn't tear up, they would chew on. I, myself, was never in trouble and went to church every time the door opened. Mr. and Mrs. Sperry were always proud of their little boy.

These friends would tell me of their exploits and daring do's. I was, of course, always appalled about the stories they told me and would say a little prayer for them at bedtime. Not to embarrass them, I'll refer to them as Danny and Sheldon.

These two guys told me a story of making home brew one winter that was just awful, the story, not the home brew. With all the ingredients and a crock jar from who knows where they got a fire going to heat the water for the yeast to go to work. Malt and sugar was added and every thing was going just fine. One of the guys decided that the mixture needed a little more stirring, slopped some of that elixir on the outside of the crock and it cracked. Well, it was panic time then so Sheldon jumped in his car and took off to the nearest neighbor. He told the neighbor's wife that his mother was canning and needed some jars. I wonder if she questioned what his mother was canning in the middle of winter but he came back with several fruit jars and most of the brew was saved. Now where would they put this potion while it fermented? Some place where it wouldn't be bothered so the outdoor privy at the nearby church became the stash. Being two smart boys they knew that it would be safe there at least until Sunday. They said that it worked out pretty well but it tasted a little bit different. Go figure.

These two pranksters were always up to something. They participated in putting a two gallon pail full of water above the door leading up to the dressing room where everyone was putting on their uniforms for football practice, knowing that the coach would be the next guy through the door. Now a two-gallon pail has a recessed bottom that's pretty sharp. When the coach came through that door, the pail fell straight down, not spilling and hitting the coach right in the top of the head. Thinking that the pail spilled and really wet the coach down, lots of giggling started but died off suddenly when the coach appeared with a trickle of blood running down the side of his head and with a strange purple complexion. We ran that whole period until our tongues were lolled out like a milk pen calf's. Somehow, all that running did change the coach's complexion back to normal though. He also had a funny smile on his face. Those two guys! I will admit that I had several giggles in church the following Sunday.

SILVERTON'S BITS & SPURS

By Lataine Dillard

Silverton Chamber of Commerce

The Silverton Chamber of Commerce met on Tuesday, November 4, 2003. President John Burson presided. Rick Beesinger gave the Treasurer's report. The October ending balance was \$9,544.13. Of that, \$6,553.54 is designated funds. The general book balance is \$2990.59, with no outstanding checks. There were checks written were to the Country Trader for ads; \$58; McCall for plaque for Pioneers and reimbursement for stamps and prizes for the Fall Festival.

Chairman Rick Beesinger and his Banquet Committee reported that Doppler Dave will be the guest speaker! It is planned for early next year. It will be a catered affair and a chamber person and Citizen of the Year will be honored. Door prizes will be offered and the catered meal will be a good one at a good price.

Rick Hutsell, Main Street Dollar reported a good turnout for his Chamber Reception.

Treana Burson reported that booths for the Fall Festival were \$10 each. This benefits the Little League Baseball Team. The Chamber will have a Bingo game where the pot will be split with the winner. Three will be a ball throw with a prize for everyone throwing a ball. Both Rick Hutsell and Rick and Jana Beesinger, Kyle Fuston and Lane Garvin will help out here. Kathy Kingery, Treana and Lataine Dillard will work the ball throw booth.

Newest Chamber member is Kay Hartfelder. She will be hosting a Come and Go party on Tuesday, November 18.

Kyle told us that Superintendent Bill Mayfield wanted us and everyone in the city to join him in making brochures to advertise our city and draw people to settle down in Silverton. Our excellent school district is one of the best reasons to live here. The youth at school will design these brochures. Others attending were: Deb Burson, Sandi and Emmitt Tomlin. Remember, our meetings are the first Tuesday of each month.

Recipes!!!

The Silverton Chamber of Commerce has put a final deadline on their cookbook. Be sure and have your recipes sent to Box 54 by Tuesday, November 18!!!

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Thanks to everyone who has given me support before, during and after my treatments, especially the ladies who drove me. May God richly bless each of you for your prayers and concerns.
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Turkey Senior Citizens

By Oleta Randell
The Turkey Senior citizens of Turkey has 22 members and 7 guests at our last meeting. We were very happy to have as guests Melvin and Edna Newman, Frank and Dorothy Howard, Jack and Raye Logan, and Ruth Moore. Margie Pinkerton and Don Turner did blood pressure checks. Cleo Jordan led the prayer for the food. Table games were played. Our next meeting will be November 18th. This will be our Thanksgiving dinner and we plan to have Mexican Food. Everyone bring their favorite Mexican dish and come on out and enjoy the Fun! Food! & Fellowship!

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A large crowd of Gene Watson fans attended the Memorial concert in honor of Lawana Cruse.



The End Result, Quitaque's newest business, welcomed patrons during their recent open house.

THINGS THAT MAKE YOU GO HMMM...

BY: LAURA TAYLOR

A first grade teacher collected well known proverbs. She gave each child in her class the first half of a proverb and asked them to come up with the remainder of the proverb. It's hard to believe these were actually done by first graders. Their insight may surprise you. While reading these keep in mind that these are first graders... "6" year-olds, because the last one is a classic!

- * Better to be safe than.....punch a 5th grader.
- * Strike while thebug is close.
- * It's always darkest before.....Daylight Saving Time.
- * Never underestimate the power of.....termites.
- * You can lead a horse to water but.....how?
- * Don't bite the hand that.....looks dirty.
- * No news is.....impossible.
- * A miss is as good as a.....Mr.
- * You can't teach an old dog new.....math.
- * If you lie down with dogs, you'll.....stink in the morning.
- * Love all, trust.....me.
- * The pen is mightier than the.....pigs.
- * An idle mind is.....the best way to relax.
- * Where there's smoke there's.....pollution.
- * Happy the bride who.....gets all the presents.
- * A penny saved is.....not much.
- * Two's company, three's.....the Musketeers.
- * Don't put off till tomorrow what.....you put on to go to be
- * Laugh and the whole world laughs with you, cry and.....you have to blow your nose.
- * There are none so blind as.....Stevie Wonder.
- * Children should be seen and not.....spanked or grounded.
- * If at first you don't succeed.....get new batteries.
- * You get out of something only what you..... see in the picture on the box.
- * When the blind leadeth the blind.....get out of the way.
- * Better late than.....pregnant !!!!

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I also want to remind you, if you know of a veteran whose name should be on this memorial and none of the family live here anymore, please let me know or send that persons name to me now.

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Laura Farris One of Eleven Honored By Girl Scouts For Community Service

Girl Scouts of Caprock Council (GSCC) and University Medical Center will host the 11th annual Women of Distinction Awards Dinner on Thursday, November 20th, 2003. The dinner's purpose is to honor eleven Women of Distinction from the South Plains. Girl Scouts of Caprock Council instituted the awards dinner in 1993 to pay tribute to women who have made a direct and powerful impact on the lives of others through their support of and belief in the tenets of Girl Scouting and the betterment of the community.

One of this years eleven honorees was Laura Johnson Farris, of Floydada, Texas.

Each honoree receives a special award designed exclusively for Caprock Council by western artist and sculptor Kenneth Wyatt of Tulia. The award, cast in pewter, depicts a young girl kneeling on a stone, gazing at her own reflection in the water. The sculpture is a tribute to the success and vision of the honorees.

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**A Look Into The Past
Letters of A West Texas
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Letters written by Dora Merrell Stroup
From the age of 7 to 17
Late 1800's - early 1900's

It was here that I saw my big prairie fire. Some travelers let the fire get out while they cooked their lunch. The grass was tall and very mature. All at once the sky began to darken. Men came from everywhere to the well to get water. Soon the heavy smoke was over the sun and it became very dark. They did not try to fight the fire south of the dugouts as they knew it would stop when it struck the draw. It did burn rather close to the dugouts. We children began to cry. Aunt Jennie wanted to know what we were crying about.

We told her that we were afraid the fire would come to our dugout and burn all our clothes. She told us that fire couldn't burn dirt, and this made us feel better. The fire left an ugly sight. It was black in every direction. In September little brother came to join our family. He was the first child born in this part of the country. This was before the country was organized.

We moved to Hale Center. There we started to school. Father went to Amarillo for food and corn to feed his saddle horses. A blizzard came. We were living in a two room house with a cellar underneath. The range was open. The Matadore had cattle on that part of the plains. We were living out to one side of the town. The cattle came by in droves going south. Nothing was there to stop them. Mother told Billy that she saw some of our cattle go by. They got a bundle of feed and got them in the lot behind the wind break. They got only eighteen.

Our cook stove was in the basement. The stove smoked til we could not use it. So mother put the stove boiler on the dirt steps of the shoot. That is what they called the entrance to the door of the basement. There she boiled coffee and cooked hot cakes til the wind changed to a different direction. We enjoyed the hot cakes with syrup. Our house was just a frame house. We could heat it though. Mother sent Bill to the little country store for a box of large head tacks. She, Bill, and Lizzie ripped the tent apart we used to sleep in when we moved to the plains. She then lined one room where the heating stove was. We faired better then. We burned wood and cow chips to heat the stove to cook with.

Turkey Talk

By Martha Bradshaw

Bell Davis, G.P. and Betty Driskill went to Plainview last week for Betty's doctor appointment. While in Plainview, they went shopping. Margie and her mother drove to Lorraine and was joined by Margie's brother; together, they drove to Junction to take her sister to the hospital in Fredricksburg for tests. They were pleased with the news of her test results.

Thanks to all of the Vendors and visitors that came out to the Craft Show and visited the Merchants during the Turkey Fall Festival last Saturday and made it a success. We look forward to next year's Fall Festival.

The Gene Watson Concert was also a success with approximately 500 people attending. Gene was going home to Paris, TX for some rest before going on another tour in the Eastern States.

Look forward to Turkey's Spring Festival coming up in March. Plans are in the works to get Moe Bandy to perform.

On The QT

Odis and Jessie Regan had company over the weekend. their brother-in-law Leon Turner from Childress. The men worked on a wagon that will haul folks on December 6th during Caprock Country Christmas

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